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In re Patent Application of

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For: PHOTOMASK, FABRICATION

METHOD OF PHOTOMASK, AND

FABRICATION METHOD OF

SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED

CIRCUIT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated June 19, 2001 (Paper No. 12).

Concurrently filed with this amendment is a Petition for Extension of Time for one month and an attached explanation of a difference between different types of films. Please amend the above-noted application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please replace claims 5, 7, 13, 15 and 22 as follows:

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(Twice Amended) A photomask comprising:

a transparent substrate;

a hollow section formed on a surface of said transparent substrate;

a shade pattern made up of a shade film, said shade film formed in said hollow

section; and